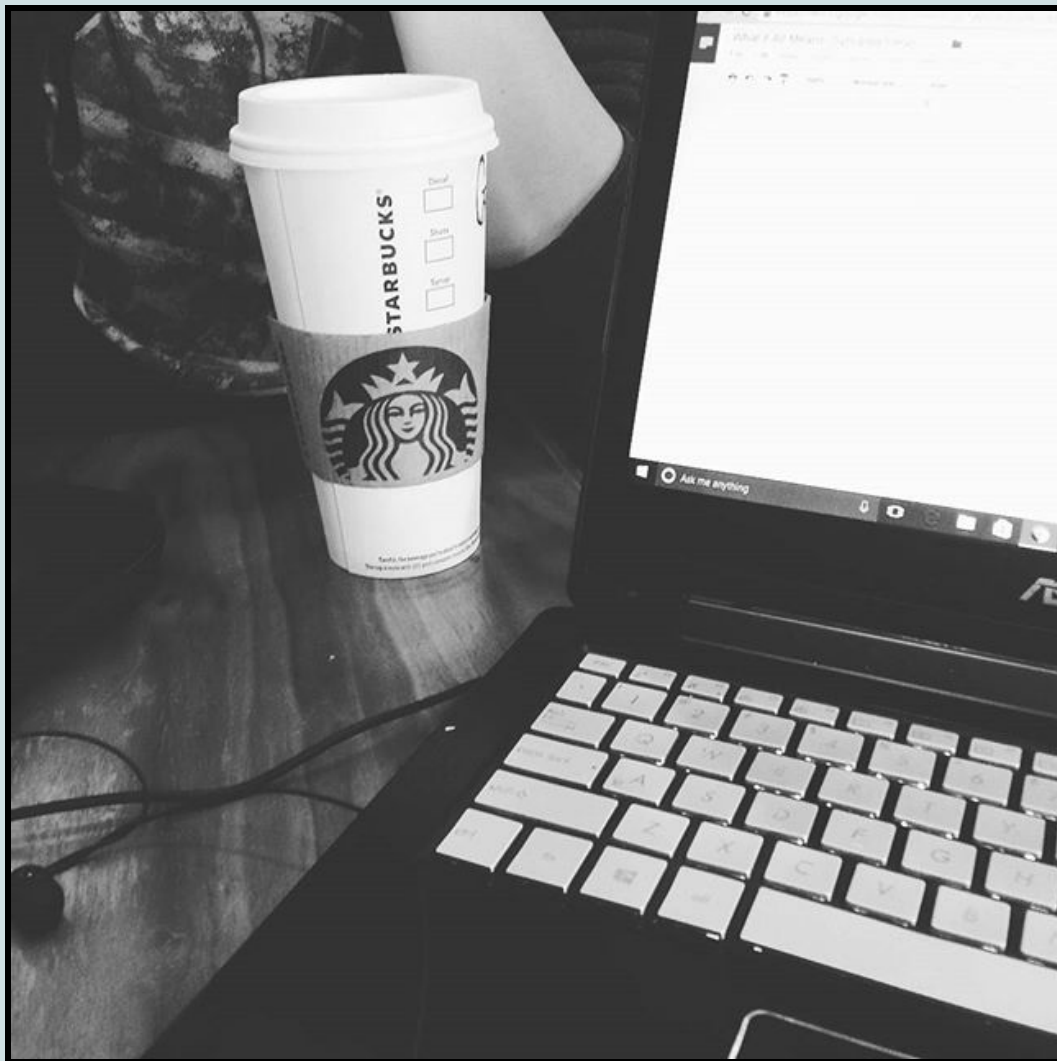

Of Writing and Places in Between

Grant & Abi Pearson



In The Beginning

On Starting a Newsletter, and What This is All About
by [Abi Pearson](#) on October 28

Last month I was writing a blog post when an idea hit me. I realized that since I write a blog post nearly every day of the month, some of what I talk about gets lost in the mix. Namely when I talk about what I'm writing, or editing, or working to publish. That got me thinking, and I messaged Grant about starting a newsletter. It was a brief text, one that I thought he wouldn't pay much attention to. To my surprise he texted back saying he thought it was a great idea and that we should get to work on it right away.

Our goal for the newsletter will mainly be to update people on our stories and poetry that are in the works, and those that are close to publishing. It will have some poetry, or maybe a short story that we haven't published yet, and possibly a review of different things. Sometimes our favorite book, movie, or music, and sometimes our favorite coffee shop, tea shop, or escape-to-location.

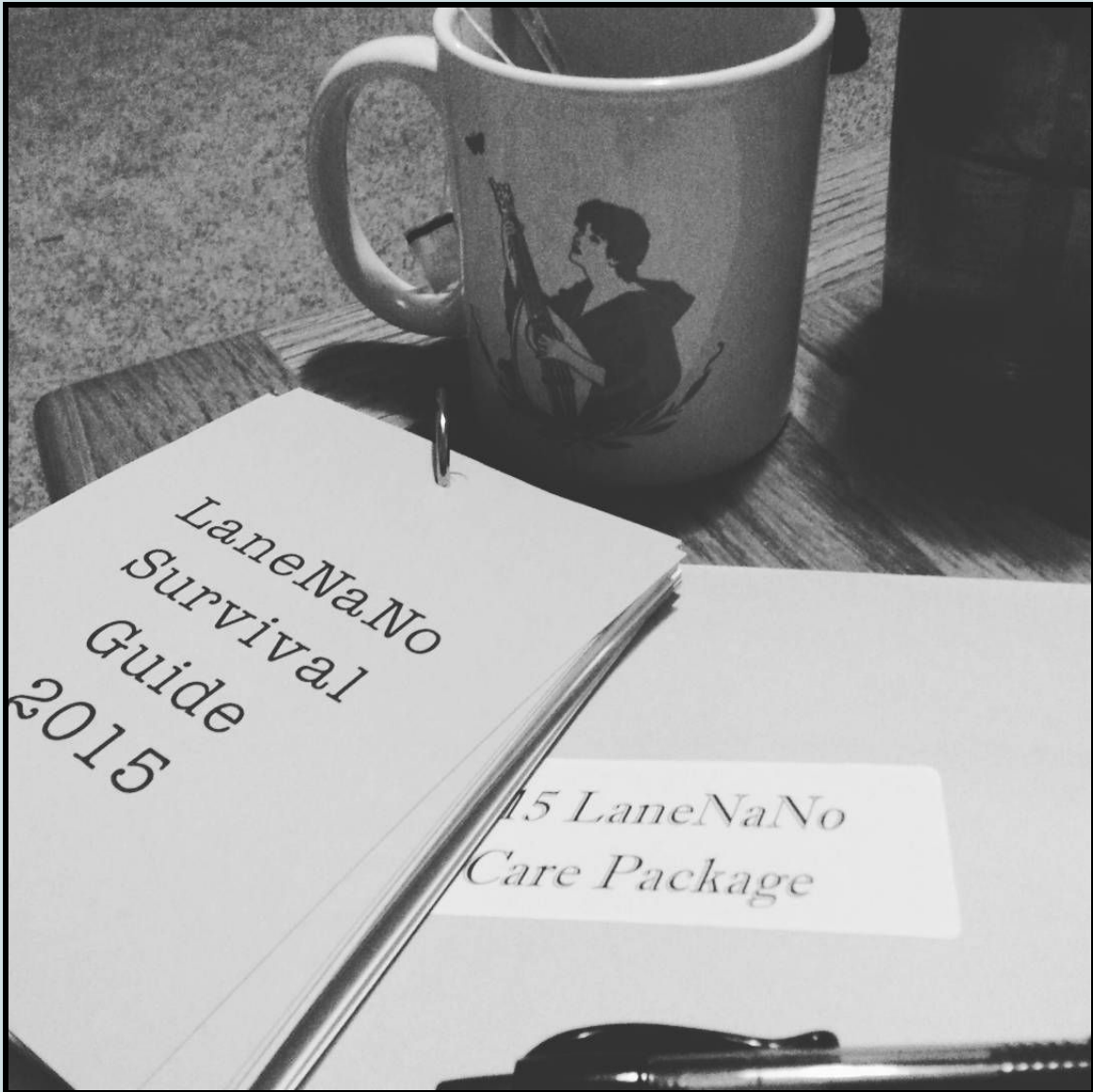
Writing is actually one of the reasons Grant and I originally became good friends. We loved reading and discussing characters, and because of this found out that we both liked to write as well. Soon we were sharing stories, commenting and editing each other's works. That started over seven years ago, and we haven't stopped since.

Grant and I both hope you enjoy reading our updates. We hope that this is entertaining as well as informative. Let's begin!

Poetry Selection

41. I've Got
by [Abi Pearson](#)

i've got so much
to do today
so much hanging
on the edges of my mind
i've got
little things
curled up beside me
waiting
for me to leave
the warmth of my blanket
cocoon
i've got cold fingers
bothering me
reminding me
today is not my day for
rest
i've got
to get ready for the rest of
my life
no more daydreaming
for me.



NaNoWriMo

by [Grant Pearson](#) on November 11th

NaNoWriMo stands for National Novel Writing Month, an online organization which connects writers and wanna-be-writers together in their local communities and encourages them to write 50,000 words in one month, generally November, and sometimes other months of the year (there is generally at least one Summer “camp”). This is our sixth years doing it together, though she attempted the goal one year before I even knew about it.

Of our six (her seven) attempts, we've both succeeded in reaching the word count goal twice. Both previous times were extremely exciting times, though of the novels that we "finished" those years, we've only put time and effort into rewriting one, which we hope to be publishing in the coming years. We'll let you all know more about it when it becomes ready for beta reading.

This year is going very well as far as reaching our word count goes. It's only eleven days into the month and Abi has already reached her word count and hopes to begin a second novel before the end of the month. She began this month writing a story based in the British medieval period called "These Lands and Castles." She was influenced by several books and tv shows she has watched recently regarding British royalty of the time and the War of the Roses. Her story is centered around a young girl who uses her wit and beauty to rise through the ranks of British nobility and the price she has to pay for it.

I didn't start off November with a novel ready. I wanted to continue work on a Novella I began in October called "From Inside: Comatose" which is about a parasite that preys on comatose bodies and about a doctor who is trained to hunt down these parasites and kill them at the cost of the lives of those they take as their hosts. Since then, I have begun working on a sci-fi novel centered around a future earth that has survived the death of the sun.

After November, we're not completely sure what we'll do with these stories. I'm hoping to rewrite my Novella this spring and publish it at the beginning of next summer. She is planning on editing either one of her stories from this year or previous years in an attempt to do the same. Wish us luck, and we'll keep you informed of the updates.

Writing in Starbucks

by [Grant and Abi Pearson](#) on October 28

In the last few months, we have been slacking in our writing. We've decided the lack of motivation seems to be partly because it's so hard to sit down in the comfort and distractions of our own home and write. So we've started going out on the weekends and trying out new writing spots that will help motivate us. The first place we tried was Starbucks.

More specifically, the Starbucks across from the Valley River Mall in Eugene. It was one of the closest coffee spots to our house, and since Abi likes tea, Grant likes coffee, and Starbucks serves both, it's where we ended up. Now there are a number of things we take into consideration when choosing a place to write: Ambience. Wi-Fi. And Good drinks &

food. Not necessarily in that order because the lack of any of the three items will generally force us away from the local.

We love the atmosphere of Starbucks, especially the smell. The place is full of the fantastic aroma of coffee beans and grounds that seems to encircle you with a gentle grip and adds the perfect ambience to the shop. Smell is only one piece of the atmosphere, however. The music that plays in the background is another, one that we don't particularly enjoy at Starbucks and so have fixed the problem by bringing headphones and listening to our own music (on Pandora or Spotify thanks to Starbucks's super-speedy wi-fi), which we often do anyway in order to help us concentrate on what's sitting in front of us. Finally: people. People can add or subtract very quickly from the atmosphere, and for this particular Starbucks location, we've been pleasantly surprised at how few people are generally around. We've returned a total of four times to this Starbucks, and only once were we annoyed at the amount of people present.

Food and drinks are very important to us as well, especially a nice warm drink on a cool fall day. Our favorite is the Chai Tea Latte, which is a Chai Tea with lots of milk, mixed to perfection (though on rare occasions it can taste a bit watered down). In addition, we have discovered that Starbucks has a very good "Slow-Roasted Ham & Swiss Breakfast Sandwich", though most anything melted onto a croissant is really good.

Overall, we have very much enjoyed our time at Starbucks and will most certainly be going back in the future.

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